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1. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER TOLD US JUNE 30 THAT
SABAH CHIEF MINISTER TUN MUSTAPHA'S " PEACE MISSION" TO
PHILIPPINES (REFS A & B) HAS FAILED. IN CONVERSATION LAST
WEEK WITH AN AUSTRALIAN SOURCE, SABAH CHIEF OF STATE TUN
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MOHAMED FUAD (DONALD STEPHENS) SAID HE WAS AWARE OF HASBOLLAH'S

VISIT TO MANILA, BUT TALKS WITH GOP OFFICIALS WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL. FUAD-STEPHENS APPARENTLY DID NOT ELABORATE ON SABAH'S TERMS FOR ENDING ITS INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE MUSLIM REBELLION, BUT ADDITIONAL ATMOSPHERICS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE WHEN AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATS HERE SEE FULL RECORD OF CONVERSATION.

2. ON SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE ISSUE AT FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT SAID GOM IS "STUDYING" REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FOUR (SOMALIA, SAUDI ARABIA, LIBYA AND SENEGAL) WHICH MET DURING FIRST WEEK OF JUNE IN JIDDA. ACCORDING GOM FOREIGN MINISTRY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (PAS) FOR ASEAN COUNTRIES, AT COMMITTEE OF FOUR SESSION LIBYA STRONGLY CRITICIZED HANDLING OF GOP NEGOTIATIONS WITH MORO/NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (MNLF) AND REPORTEDLY IS LOBBYING FOR AL-TOHAMY'S REMOVAL AS ISLAMIC SECRETARY-GENERAL (PARA 6 REF C). PAS DID NOT INDICATE TO AUSTRALIANS WHAT GOM POSITION ON COMMITTEE OF FOUR REPORT WILL BE AT JIDDA CONFERENCE, BUT AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE THAT MALAYSIAN ENTHUSIASM FOR MNLF HAS COOLED.
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